

Application No.: 09/368817

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Amendments

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 4, please replace the following paragraph starting on line 5 and ending on line 13:

3' From the foregoing discussion, it should be clear that there are a number of applications for RFID tags in various environments in which the identity of the tagged item is important. For example, PCT Publication WO 99/05660, published February 4, 1999 and assigned to Checkpoint Systems, Inc., describes an inventory system using articles with RFID tags. The preferred embodiment described therein contemplates the use of RFID tags in library materials, which may then be checked out automatically by interrogating the RFID tag to determine the identity of the material. However, a number of important or desirable library or other inventory functions remain that are not described or suggested in the '660 publication.

A version marked up to show changes made to the specification relative to the previous version of the specification is attached.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 7-16, 19, 24, 25, and 36-39 without prejudice or disclaimer to their respective underlying subject matters.

Please amend claim 40 as follows:

40. (Amended) A method of locating an item of interest associated with an RFID element among a larger group of items each associated with an RFID element, comprising the steps of:

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- (a) providing a card having an RFID element;
 - (b) transmitting information related to an item of interest to the card and storing that information in the RFID element;
 - (c) positioning RFID card readers at positions near the item of interest;
 - (d) interrogating the RFID card with the RFID card reader; and
 - (e) providing an indication of the location of the item of interest relative to the location of the RFID card reader.